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"INTERNAL SECURITY" -- FOR WHOM?

In the shadow of more portentous headlines about the continuing crises in Laos, Berlin, Kuwait, Algeria and Angola there are a couple of "minor" news items that are perhaps as symptomatic of our times as anything else.

On July 3, the Kennedy Administration asked Congress to authorize a $21 million expenditure for "internal security" in Latin America. This means a shift from equipping Latin American armed forces for the joint defense of the hemisphere to equipping them for defense against internal subversion. It may be wondered just how this fits in with the widely heralded Alliance for Progress whereby the U.S. Government proposes to steal a march on the Communists and head up the democratic forces of social change in the hemisphere. One may surmise that land reform and other desperately needed changes are to be doled out at the discretion of those who now hold power in Latin America. Meanwhile the forces of law and order will be assisted in curbing those who may be pushing too hard from below. Anti-subversive equipment in the hands of the police is not noted for its ability to discriminate between democratic and totalitarian demonstrators.

Double Suicide

"It may take another cataclysm of destruction to prove the bald truth that further evolution of civilization cannot take place till global war is abolished. No longer can it be a successful weapon of international adventure. If you lose, you are annihilated. If you win, you stand only to lose. No longer does it possess even the chance of the winner of the duel. It contains only the germs of double suicide."

--Gen. Douglas MacArthur at Michigan State University, June 11.

Meanwhile, in New York, citadel of the free world, on July 5, nine police cars raced to West 84th Street to break up a brawl involving some 400 people. The Rev. James A. Gusweller, whose church is located in the same block, described the area as a "center of crime" in which "there are five or six stabbings every Saturday night." Father Gusweller attributes the trouble to "greedy landlords" who have carved up apartments into shabby and crowded one-room flats for Negroes and Puerto Ricans who are barred from decent, moderate-rent apartments that are available to white people.

West 84th Street, though an extreme case, is one of the many bleeding wounds that lie just beneath the gilded surface of our "affluent" society. Many public parks and streets in New York and other American cities are unsafe after dark. Violence is so endemic that city dwellers tend to take it for granted.

One solution to the domestic problem might be to form a Landlords' Defense Committee and beef up the police force. That would be consistent with U.S. foreign policy -- and made to order for adherents of the John Birch Society.

The beginnings of another solution might be the one suggested by Father Gusweller -- that the city should tear down the rooming-houses and replace them with decent public housing. This would be only a beginning, for there is abundant evidence that brick and mor-

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tar do not make a human community. Crime does not cease when slum dwellers become tenants in gigantic municipal hotels. The architecture of a peaceable society must have room for human roots, for the sense and reality of sharing. It must be undergirded by a spiritual dimension that is so often lacking in the blueprints of both democratic and totalitarian planners.

In Latin America, Europe and elsewhere, the problem is the same, and it breeds violence there just as it does here. Communism offers a solution that gets rid of the greedy landlords, but at the cost of destroying community and substituting for it the spiritual regimentation of the masses.

There are two kinds of "internal security" -- securing the rich against the poor and securing the people good jobs and decent living conditions. Is it possible to have both? And can the latter really suffice without adding a third and deeper kind of security -- the inner security of authentic community, of sharing and cooperation? In the end, this is the only reliable bulwark against the subversion of both communism and capitalism that wars against man's soul.

Peace Marchers Expected in West Germany

Twenty-six members of the American-European march were expected to arrive in West Germany on July 15 after walking over 150 miles across Belgium on their journey to Moscow. The team, which is seeking to spread the message of unilateral disarmament, originally intended to journey through France but were intercepted by French police when they arrived by ship in the port of Le Havre. Several of the group, on two occasions, attempted to swim to shore but each time French authorities returned them to their ship.

The marchers, who arrived in London from the U.S. on June 4, were welcomed by a peace rally of over 4,000 British supporters. News coverage of this as well as the team's press conference was scanty, however. I.F. Stone, in his *Weekly*, reports that the British press has been doing its best to suppress news of the growing resistance to war preparation dramatized by the Peace Walk team, the vast marches of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and the Holy Loch demonstrations.

Church Groups Back Freedom Riders

The American Baptist Convention meeting in Portland, Ore., last month called on its members and all other Americans to support the Freedom Riders with "prayer and understanding" and help supplement their efforts by working to end injustice and discrimination in all communities. The statement also lauded the riders, who are testing segregation laws in the Deep South, for "their stand, courage and patience under provocation."

A "Prayer Pilgrimage" supporting Freedom Riders conducted by a bus-load of 37 Protestant Episcopal clergymen will take place in September under the auspices of the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity, it was announced in New York last month. The trip is scheduled to start from New Orleans and end in Detroit, where the denomination will hold its triennial General Convention. "The primary thrust of such a tour," according to a spokesman for the group, "will be to show concern that Church-sponsored institutions should have no restrictions based on race."

NEWS from the peace front

FOR member Charles E. Zunkel, moderator of the Church of the Brethren, last month notified President Kennedy and the Director of Internal Revenue that he and his wife will not pay that portion of their Federal income tax used for military purposes. "In all good conscience," he wrote, "we cannot longer give 75 percent of our income tax money for the support of military might. We are not opposed to paying tax, but rather to paying tax for this purpose." In the message, Zunkel also urged the government to consider an alternative tax plan whereby COs might give their tax money to peaceful pursuits.

Zunkel's letter also appeared in *The Gospel Messenger*, a monthly magazine of the Church of the Brethren.

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Seven white and three Negro clergymen were released from a Tallahassee, Fla., jail on $1000 bonds each last month following their arrest for "unlawful assembly" when they sought service at the city's segregated airport restaurant. The group, part of a team of Freedom Riders organized and trained by the Congress of Racial Equality, fasted for more than 24 hours in a protest against the restaurant's discriminatory policies. The group said their intention in testing Florida segregation customs was to "bear witness as men of God to the struggle to obtain equal rights for all men."

Among the arrested clergymen were Ralph Lord Roy, Robert McAfee Brown and FOR member A. McRaven Warner.

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A silent vigil appealing for the abolition of biological weapons and the conversion of Fort Detrick to a World Health Center took place in front of the Fort Detrick Laboratory in Frederick, Md., on July 3. Another vigil, appealing for "disarmament initiatives and constructive alternatives to the arms race," occurred in front of the White House, July 1-4. Both projects were sponsored by the newly formed Peace Action Center headed by FOR member Lawrence Scott, former director of the Vigil at Fort Detrick.

On July 15 the Peace Action Center begins emphasis on the nuclear test issue and expects to hold daily peace vigils in front of the White House.

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Congressman Francis E. Walter (D.-Pa.) introduced a bill in the House in May which would increase censorship of publications from abroad through the creation of a Comptroller of Foreign Propaganda. Walter introduced the bill three days after President Kennedy discontinued the program of intercepting publications from Communist countries in an effort to improve cultural exchanges.

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Members of the New York and Brooklyn Congress of Racial Equality picketed the Clinton Hill apartments in New York City on June 7 in protest against the development's discrimination policies. The group distributed leaflets bearing the title "New York is *Not* Alabama" and spent several hours participating in a sit-down in the rental agent's office. The protest followed an incident on June 1 when the rental agent refused to show an apartment to a Negro, Clarence Funnye. Several white CORE members, testing segregation, were later shown an apartment. When they and Mr. Funnye protested the discriminatory policy to the rental agent, the latter referred to the protest as "one of those Freedom things."

The Demonstration is part of an ongoing CORE campaign to challenge unfair and illegal practices in urban housing.

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Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, called for the admission of Red China and East Germany to the UN in an address before the American Baptist Convention meeting in Portland,

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Oregon, last month. He also urged that the U.S. take the initiative in advocating a "humanity-first foreign policy." "I have deep faith," he said, "that if the mission of America becomes the future well-being of mankind, then, and only then, will the future well-being of America itself be on a sound foundation."

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The Pennsylvania House of Representatives last month defeated legislation to abolish capital punishment by a vote of 173 to 32. The death penalty had been vigorously challenged by Protestant groups in the state prior to the decision, including the Presbytery of Philadelphia and a group of Protestant Episcopal clergy and laymen in the Philadelphia area.

LIT NOTES

America's Lost Plantation by Dave Dellinger first appeared as a series of articles in Liberation and has subsequently been reprinted in *New Left Review* (London) and elsewhere. This perceptive report on the Cuban revolution is now available as a 56-page pamphlet at 50¢ a copy. Order from: Fellowship Publications, Box 271, Nyack, N.Y.

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Our Hopes Are Justified by Vernon Nash is a 15-page essay prepared for a university debate manual. Available from the author as a 10¢ reprint, it argues for peace through a federal government of the world. Order from: Vernon Nash, 601 Litchfield Lane, Santa Barbara, Cal.

MISSING MEMBERS

If you know the whereabouts of any of these missing members, please advise the Membership Secretary, FOR, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

July 30-Aug. 12. Nonviolent Training session at the Peace Action Center, 2023 Kalorama Rd., N.W., Washington 9, D.C. To apply write Lawrence Scott c/o the Peace Action Center.

Aug. 5-9. Vigil appealing for permanent cessation of nuclear weapons tests and commemorating Hiroshima Day (Aug. 6) in the Washington, D.C., area. Write: Lawrence Scott, c/o Peace Action Center.

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